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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), is a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/04263 filed on June 28, 2000.

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For: IMAGE CODING DEVICE AND METHOD OF IMAGE CODING

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of thirty-five (35) pages
- Seven (7) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- Executed Declaration Original Photocopy
- A statement (Original Photocopy) to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- Preliminary Amendment

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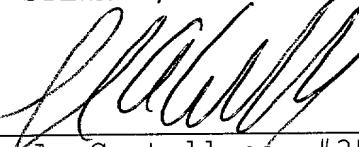
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